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PREFACE

Since the last edition of this little book, the Spencerian Quick Writing system has made enormous progress, not only with professional stenographers but with the general public.

In the edition preceding the present, the author was content to state as simple facts the claims of the system.

So stated, they appear to all writers of other systems extravagant enough!

Yet there is nothing so hard as a fact.

Whether in the material world or in the impalpable realm of the intellectual, facts are equally indestructible.

Men and all their fallacies die, but their facts live on.

It was never the intent of the inventor and developer of this system, laboring single-mindedly, with one great goal ahead of a life's ambition, to devise merely a new stenography, whose excellencies were to be entered in a race with those of all the other splendid systems born of the genius of man.

His real aim, however, and whether or not he had attained it, he preferred at that time to state rather as detailed facts of an achievement.

From these facts, now demonstrated beyond question or cavil, the studious mind every-

where deduced certain unavoidable and incalculably important conclusions.

- 1. The Spencerian Quick Writing is not phonography. It is simplified spelling, written with the simplest characters, governed by the simplest rules:
- 2. Its aim has been to be as quick as speech and as legible as longhand, and that aim is achieved.
- 3. It was never intended for the exclusive use of the professional stenographer.
- 4. It is a new method of writing, by which all men, instead of using the slow longhand, may write each other as swiftly as they speak, which speed must be admitted to be a requisite without which all writing is deficient and inadequate.

Such a writing, to be accepted and to come into the general use for which it is intended, must be so simple as to be easily mastered by the grown person, now using longhand, as well as by the child as little advanced as the Third Grade of our Public Schools.

The summary of the claims made in the preceding edition clearly make out such a claim total for the Spencerian Quick Writing. Had these claims, or any of them, been untrue, they would have fallen as the lie always does.

A wonderful other result has been the case. Multitudes have demonstrated them practically.

Children have so forcibly verified them that numerous daily and weekly newspapers are presenting the ten short, simple lessons to meet the demand and for the benefit of their general readers.

Boldly and plainly stated, this system aims to take the place ultimately of longhand among men—for the reason that it is infinitely simpler and infinitely swifter than longhand and absolutely as legible.

No one who has watched a pupil or a class, from the initial to the final lesson, can doubt the ease with which it is learned, the speed with which it is written, the legibility with which it is read or that — whatever the delay in the process of evolution, resulting naturally from conditions — Spencerian Quick Writing has come to take the place of longhand universally among men.

No one knowing the utter impossibility of using any other system as a means of writing between men can fail to understand why none of these systems has ever made any pretense or progress in this wise; and why the Spencerian Quick Writing stands alone in aspiration and accomplishment; and why, affording this vast utility, it is as certain of universal use as were the typewriting and adding machines, or the linotype.

On the marvelous progress made in less than a year, often converting the most stubborn, most analytical and finest experts and teachers of shorthand in the land, and that by the force of gravity of its own inherent arguments (which have never failed where they have had a hearing even among hostile commercial interests), is based the certain prediction that this system is destined to rule in every college and school where shorthand is taught for the professional use of the student; and that, with the certain growth and increase of its well founded fame, some state, adopting it for its public schools, will demonstrate to the world a generation of children writing to each other, before the close of the first session, with a speed of which their fathers never dreamed, and to these parents as remarkable as the telephone would be to one of our suddenly resurrected great-grandfathers.

It is impossible to conceive the great American people standing still in the universally used art of writing when a new invention, so easily within the reach of all, will save each user from five to twenty times the time he now consumes in transferring thought from his brain to the paper and thence to some one else. Such an outcome is impossible to the brain of normal American progress.

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The Alphabet of

Spencerian Shorthand

FIRST LESSON.

DOWNWARD AND FORWARD STROKES.



sh ing-ng shun

Vowel position i la a a u

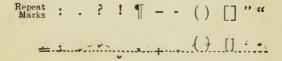
1. The vowel position is never read before a character. A letter placed in any vowel position is read first, and the vowel is read next, thus: "N" placed in the "I" position, above the line, is "NI," placed on the line, in the "E" position, is "NE," written through the line, in the "A" position, is "NA," etc.

2. Write only the sounded letters in a word.

buy bi	<u>)</u>	says sas	···· Ø	see se	0	she	9
may ma		mow mo		my mi		show sho	
die di	(new nu		view vu		shy shi	
fie fi)	vie vi		knee ne	<u> </u>	boy	
gay ga		tie ti		rise ris		fully fuly	<u></u>
was		nose nos		nice nis	ڡ	days	6 -
nicely nisly	, <u> </u>	no- tion	·y	sing	ρ	sing-	0

- 3. A word-sign is a character that stands for the word.
- 4. The student should memorize the wordsigns so as to be able to write them rapidly and without hesitation.

PUNCTUATION.



5.	WOR	D-SIGNS.	
I-the		satisfy-ed-action actory	
if)-	a-an-and	
of)	give-gave-given	1
will-well	······	have-half	
all		in-any	<u> </u>
gentlemen		think-thank	2
gentleman		such-shall-ship-ed	
is-his	0	take-took-taken	
as-has		now	
us-used-use- ful	·	before-belong	
y ou-your		from-form	
thing		arc-or-our	
business	ک	company	

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PHRASING.

6. The word-signs "a-an-and," and "I-the" should be made very short.

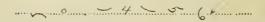
7. To phrase "and-a, and-an," write the last tick horizontally to the left.

and I the and a and I see the the and I do the and the day and I and I and I will and I had I see the and I will and I wi

You may buy the roses if you care to do so.



You may see us in four or five days.



We may give you the money to buy the roses.



See letters 1 and 2. Dictation book, for practice in connection with this lesson.

8 SECOND LESSON

Up strokes p q sq ch j wh.

Strokes made up or down

1 k h th u ing-ng shun.

Forward and downward strokes

a c e i o z x tw-dw.

(X / = 2 = 0 = 1

The "SH" character is used only at the beginning of words or when standing alone.

When "Y-LY" will not make a good joining with the preceding character strike it horizontally to the "right or left."

"C" is seldom used unless as an initial.

A proper name is indicated by placing the

ditto marks (") directly underneath it.

When standing alone "H" is written with the open end down; when connected with other characters, it may be written up or down.

"CH" is written down after "B, F, M," and

"W."

"B" is made up at the beginning when

followed by "Q."

"L" is always written up when standing alone; when joined to other characters it may be written up or down.

"U" is always understood after "Q."

9. A dot placed before a character expresses the long sound of the position vowel; after it, the other sounds. This is seldom if ever necessary.

law	/	Fay)	pale	1	sigh	
lay	/	bane		gay	11	he	<i>0</i>
paw	<i>:</i> /	joy		pan		nook	7
pay	/	chew		weigh		M ke	
my		fetch		neigh		lake	-1-
nigh	<u> </u>	leach	/	pug	1	pike	
peg		beach	· /	dutch	····	shake	oJ
page	1	batch	·	ditch	6	notch	w.
cake		pone		hole	r	squeak	61
10.		V	VORD	-SIG	NS.		
how-l	nope		••••••	bey	rond	****	J
disap; ment	point-ed-	.6	·······	yet	;		
d efen	d-ed-ant	(1	des	velop-edent		(
		subi	ect-ed-ti	on			

11. nag size joke touch sizes of foe to _____load_ coke ____hay money beak woke fang) teach _____fully _____yoke _____chewfolly yell quick she yale whig 9. sailshy __ mill __ moocean bake lag hack hack

FIGURES.

make lea squaw leak

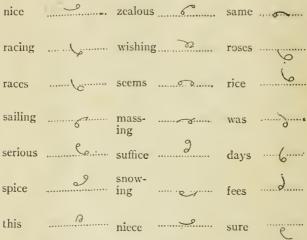
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See letters 3 and 4, Dictation book, for practice in connection with this lesson.



THIRD LESSON

- 12. "SS" is usually pronounced "SES," "SEZ," "SIS," "ZES," etc., and is written and read in the same manner as "S."
- 13. When attached to curves "S" is written on the inside of the curve; this is called the CIRCLE SIDE of curves.



14. When "S" preceeds "A" or "E," it is expressed by making the CIRCLE on the reverse side of those characters, omitting the hook.

There are but few words that make the use of these characters necessary.



				written in the
				vement of the
hand	s of the clo	ck. This	is calle	ed the CIRCLE
SIDI	E on strai	ght strok	es, the	e side opposite
to th	is is called	the REV.	ERSE	SIDE.
				sickly
shies	0-0	shoes	,	case
ties	o	twice	<u>r</u>	sacks
is wr	itten on th	e outside	of the	
				cask
tussle		nicer	e.	Jessie
17. writt	Between	REVERS.	E CU. e first (RVES "S" is curve.
Mason	n	wiser	٤	Messrs.
dismis	5S	miserly	١	mizzen
		WORD-S	IGNS.	
18.	extra ·····	0	which	
	except	0	each	
	accept	·· •	much	······

space

See letter 5, Dictation book, for practice in connection with this lesson.

FOURTH LESSON

RULE I.

- 22. A small hook at the beginning on the inside of curved strokes is "A" or "E." A large initial hook is "O" or "U."
- 23. Vowel hooks are always read first, and then the character to which they are attached.
- 24. Words that do not require position are written on the line.

ape	am		up	
aims	arrest arrest	<u>(a</u>	arise	9
abase	arose		on	
away	Eula	·	Amos	
answer	arson		ally	6
aimless	Anna		efface)
stroke on th	These hooks are es; on the CL e REVERSE S	RCLE SID. SIDE of the	E of other	"T" and s.
at .	attest		eaves	>
action.	oak	7	ago -	1
ages	eat		oates	م ،

26. A small backward hook made at the beginning of a character before "S" is "A" or "E" and a large hook is "O" or "U".
assign assure essence
assume osage assumption
27. A loop at the end of a character on the circle side of curves and on either side of straight strokes is "TY" or "DY."
Sunday beauty duty
Katie Hattie ready
28. The word-signs "a-an-and" may also be employed to express an intermediate or final "A" or "E."
Papa area banana
29. WORD-SIGNS.
acknowledge- wonder-ful-ly wonder-ful-ly
then-than until-ultimo- matum
them object-ed-tion
divulge-ed-ence observe-ed-
they advantage-ous
See letters 6 and 7, Dictation book for practice in connection with this lesson.

FIFTH LESSON

RULE II.

30. A small hook at the end on the CIRCLE SIDE of all strokes is "F" or "V."					
pave J living quaff quaff					
stave a leaving taffy taffy					
live lively paving J					
love puffing					
DIVEACING					
PHRASING. 31. The "F" or "V" hook in phrasing is "IF," "OF," "HAVE" or "FAVOR."					
I have if you will have					
you have a you have a					
you have you may have					
32. A large hook at the end on the CIRCLE SIDE of curved strokes and on either side of straight strokes is "P" or "B."					
tap cap gap					
rap slap leap					

top wrap tip

Practice letters 8 and 9 in Dictation book in connection with this lesson.

duplicate-ed-tion

SIXTH LESSON

RULE III.

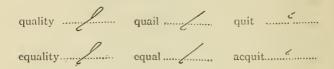
35. Make any character double length to add "N," "M," or "L." Make any character half length to add "T," "D," or "TH."

came	him	,?	night	<u></u>
cat	hit	,	lighted	7
when	twenty	b	quote ······	·······
wheat	Monda	y	could	·······
((D)) and ((D !! ::	mmonodod	hre ones o	1 th 00

"B" and "P," if preceded by any other character, may be written up or down. "P" may be written down at the beginning before "M" and "W."

readable	e	movable		heated	49
tele- phone		penman- ship		place	
passable	e	peaceable		come	
hold		stable	0.0	pleased	S
held	}	that	**************************************	still	
resolv-		what	,,V,	while	

36. The character "Q" should be made with a large hook, as shown in the alphabet, and when "AQ" or "EQ" is required, write the hook very small.



37. Should it become necessary to make a distinction between "N," "M," or "L" in words of one syllable, or proper names, the "N," "M," and "L" strokes should be used; lengthening for "L" only when the "L" coalesces with the stroke, thus:

place, pales, glass, gales, please, scales, clan, blames, gleam.
Mann, Benson, Bill, Bly.



38. In the halving principle: To make a distinction in common words of one or two syllables, or in proper names, use the "D" and "TH" strokes.

let, pat, lead, lot, path. Wright Madden Matthew



PHRASING.

39. Make any character double length to add "WILL," "WELL," or "ALL."

we will be	7	of all the	
by all means	1	which will have	
who will do the		they will have to	
they will have been		he will do well	-9

WORD-SIGNS.

immediate-ly	,	notwithstanding	·····
_certain-ly-ty	,	advise-ed-advice	
advertise-ed- ment	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	into	······g·····
glad-ly		month-ly	

Practice letters 10, 11, 12, Dictation book, in connection with this lesson.

SEVENTH LESSON

RULE IV.

40. A small hook at the end on the reverse side of all strokes is "G" or "J." When a half length stroke is followed by a hook the "T," "D," or "TH" is generally read after the hook. "G" hook closed is "GS".

gages		lag	/2	log	
stage		judge	S	cage	
wagon		mugs	~~	wages	
vaguely	,	judging	Z	twig	<u></u>

41. The "G" hook in phrasing is "GIVE," "GAVE, or "GIVEN." When closed the "G" hook is "GIVE US" or "GAVE US."

I gave you		you gave the	
I gave the	••••••	I gave to the	وسد
to give you	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	I gave in to you	1
we gave you		and give us	
wemaygiveyou		we give to the	,

42. "PARTY," "DEPARTMENT," "SO-CIETY," "EXPRESS," "OLOGY," etc., are expressed by writing "P" for "PARTY," "D" for "DEPARTMENT," "S" for "SOCIETY," "K" for "EXPRESS" and "L" for "OLOGY," through the preceding character.

43. Words that are repeated as, from day to day, night after night, day by day, etc., are written close together, as shown in the illustra-

tion.

lace department	/ 0	fishing party	差
suit department	٠	to express	<u>-</u>
Republican party	, <u>k</u>	you may express	·····
my society		my department	+
fast express		shoe department	··· o(
theology		etymology	4.
physiology	<i>y</i>	from day to day	((
day after day	((day by day	(()

Letters for practice 13, 14 and 15.

EIGHTH LESSON

RULE V.

44. "K" may express "CON," "COM," "CUM," and "COUN," and may be written in any position.

45. "SM" at the beginning of an outline may

express "CIRCU-M."

46. Use "I" for "IM" or "ILL," and "N," for "IN" or "UN."

convey		circumstance	0
contain		noncommittal	Z
communi	on	discontent	٤
constancy	1 <u>g</u>	convict	5
contempt	<u></u>	compel	<i>V</i>
impose	2	connect	<i>L</i>
unseen	<u>.</u>	immune	<u>2</u>
circulatio	n	condemn	,
ounsel	<i>t</i>	commence	~*
mmense	2.0	impassible	

onduce	6	condition	
combine		compulsion	
countenance		incision	····
compose	<i>L9</i>	continue	
impel	2/	contention	
implicit	2	consist	9_
imagine		confuse	
uncertain	<u> </u>	intense	
imbecile		illusion	······
impossible		conimand	/~
impute	υ	commend	
compute	L	consequence	
immunity	20	immodest	
imposition		illadvised	Go

Practice letter 17 in Dictation book.

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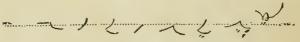
NINTH LESSON RULE VI.

- 47. Shade any character but the circle to add "R." "Z" may be shaded to distinguish it from "S."
- 48. The indicated "R" may be read either before or after the position vowel. "Y" shaded is "YR," or "RY."

shaded is "YR," or "RY."
break transfer
attraction more
near fisher
liar rare
incomprehensibility irresistibility 6
49. WORD-SIGNS.
ever-every-very favor favor
50. If necessary to make the word absolute

50. If necessary to make the word absolute in words of one syllable, or in proper names, shade for "R" only when the indicated "R" coalesces with the stroke; if the vowel intervenes, use the "R" stroke thus:

tree tear bray bar crow core Brann Parker Witherspoon



PHRASING.

51. In phrasing, the words "ARE," "OR," "OUR," and the syllable "RE," are added by shading the character.

52. Lengthening a shaded character adds "IN" or "THAN. "THAN" is also repre-

sented by the letter "N."

we are		we are in receipt of your favor
we are in	·····	they are
more than		we are in receipt
to our	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	we are of your opinion
by return mail		by our
under separate cover	2	be it more or less

53. The character "U," when preceded by any other character, may be used for either "O" or "U."

Leo tomorrow trio tobacco

54. When "N," "M," or "L" is followed by "T," "D," or "TH," use the halving instead of the lengthening principle, when possible, thus:

land filled mould scold wild told

55. "TO," "IT," or "NOT," may be repre-

sented by the halving principle.

After the first syllable, half length "M,"
"B," "D," "G," "L," "V," etc., may express
"MNT," "BNT," "DNT," "GNT," "LNT,"
"VNT," etc. When "M" will not make a
good joining for "MNT," use half length "N."
Shaded "TY-DY" is "TRY" or "DRY."

incident		laundry	<i>p</i>
payment	ا	ınducement	7
relent		management	
sundry		resentment	<u></u> ,
movement	······	may it -not	
i mplement	<u>~</u>	do it -not	K
compliment		do not do it	
raiment		did not	
pagent	<u></u>	be it	,

56.	"K"	mad	e half	lengt	h and	l shade	d may	ex-
						E,'' ''C(
						and		
writ	ten in	the 1	positio	n of	the fo	ollowing	g sylla	ble.

countermine		countermand	4
co ntradict	<u></u>	controversy	4.
counterbalance	10	contribute	,. J

57. "N" made half length and shaded expresses "INTRA," "INTRE," "INTRI," "INTRO," "INTRU," "INTER," and may be written in the position of the following syllable.

58. A tick struck diagonally across a character

indicates an abbreviation.

interest	,	Missouri	
introduce		Mississippi	70
interspect	<u></u>	Minnesota	
international		Wisconsin	
interstate		New York	
intercede	following phrase		

Practice the following phrases, and letters 18, 19, 20 and 21 in Dictation book before reviewing.

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PHRASING.

There are certain words, or combinations, which are leaders, so to speak, and to these may be joined various other words making a most

easily executed outline.

We give below a list of some of the most commonly used words in ordinary business affairs. These words and combinations should be so thoroughly practiced by the student THAT there will be no hesitancy in applying them.

	I am I am not	<u>~~</u>	will you will you have	
+	you may (you may have)	~~~~	will you have the will you have your	11
	you may have the		may you have	~~
	you may have a		may you have the may you have your	37
	you may have your	~~~	may you have a and that you	\sim 0
	are you of		and that you may and that you are	ni n
	are you of the are you of a	7	and that you may have	V
	are you of the same		and that you may have the	n
	do you do you have		and that you may have your	N.
	do you have a do you have the	46	if you- if you have))

by our		I gave	3 -2
to you		I gave the	
it will	88	I gave to the	
it will have		1 gave to the	
ic will have		Y	,
it will be	8./	I have been in	
you can		the	
	5		•
it will be	40	and have been in	L. L.
necessary		if you)
	25		•
you can have		if you will	***************************************
you can have the		if you will have	YY
you can give		and you have	W
you can give the		been in the	
jou can give in		been in the	1
you can give us		if I am elected	2012
you may give in		it must be	رود
			-0 -
at what time of		in reply will say	Work.
the day		that I am not	
we will be	vel	I have not heard	
pleased		anything	
premoca /		unj un 15	
to have your	***************************************	everything on	1
order	-6	the subject	3
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to give the		uou havo no	
to give your		you have no rights in the	
to give your	3.0	matter	"" W
to give as		macter	er.
will you send it		and gave your	1
at once	ود	letter	
		/	
let us hear from	02	I am of the	3~1
you		opinion	
		•	

		_+'	1
if it of it)_)	I have not seen them	er_
if it is of its	3 3	I have not seen a	٠٠٠٠.
for it for it is		and is and see	Ьь
for it is to the for it is to your	22	and say and so	Р
if it will if it will have	~~	and use and see the	6
if it will be if it will do the	NY	and is the and say the	+ +
for it will for it will have	VV	and so the and use the	- +
for it will do th from you	e	and is a and see a	. р
from our in our		and use a you have	þ
in your by our		you have been you have been in	
by your to our	7	you gave you gave the	7 7
to your no our		you gave your you gave a	-1
and have not see I have not seen	n he se	is his see his-us	0 0
I have not seen your		as has	0-0

in all in all things		it is for you	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
in all such things		better than more than	
in all cases to all	· 2)	more or less more of your	~~
to all things to all such	·	about the matter	2
by all by all means	12	in case you have	
on all of all		by the time you have	
of all things in all his		by the time you give us	
from time to time		as soon as you have time	Qe
from year to year		as soon as you can have	Qe/
from city to city	2	as soon as you can give us	000
in regard to the matter	7)	it is impossible	30) —
your own		in receipt of your letter	× .) X
it is your own		in response to	
nevertheless [have not		know of no reason	- Le

QUESTIONS ON SPENCERIAN SHORTHAND

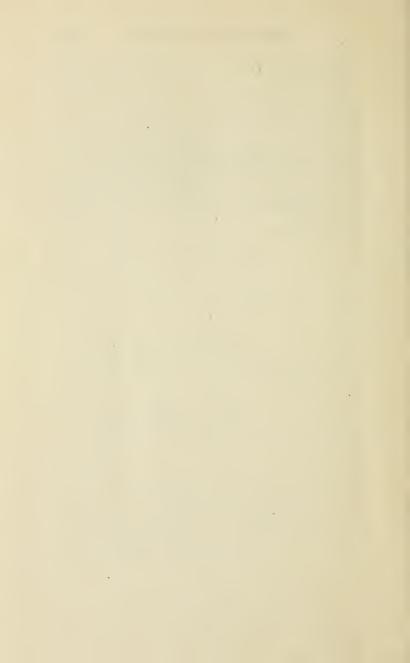
- I. Write all the characters from memory.
- 2. (a) When is the position vowel read? (b) What is a word sign?
- 3. What is said about the use of the "Y-LY" character? "C"? "Sh"?
- 4. What is said about the sound of "U" after "Q"?
 - 5. How indicate proper names?
- 6. What is said about the direction of "Ch"? "H"? "L"?
- . How may the long sound of a vowel be distinguished from its other sounds?
- 8. Where should a word be written when no position is needed?
- 9. What is meant by phrasing? Which word of a phrase takes the position?
- 10. What does the shading of a character add?
- 11. Which is read first, position vowel or the indicated "R"?
- 12. What sounds may shaded "Y" be used for?
- 13. Explain when this shading principle should not be used.
- 14. What words may be added by shading a character?
- 15. How should the word-signs, "I-the" and "a-and-an" be made?

- 16. How distinguish "and-an" from "and-I" and "and-the"?
- 17. How should circles be joined to curve characters?
- 18. How write "S" before "A" or "E"?
 - 19. What sounds is the large circle used for?
 - 20. How should circles be written to straight characters?
 - 21. How should circles be written between straight characters in the same direction?
 - 22. How should circles be written between reverse curves?
 - 23. Which of the word-signs and syllables do not take their own position at the beginning of a phrase?
- 24. Explain value and use of "U" position in phrasing.
 - 25. What sounds may be added by double lengthening a character?
 - 26. Explain the value of double lengthening in phrasing.
- 27. When should lengthening principle not be employed?
 - 28. What sounds may be added by halving?
 - 29. Explain where it might not be advisable to use this principle.
- 30. When either doubling or halving could be used to write a word, which should be chosen? Why?
 - 31. What words may be added by the halving principle?

- 32. Explain a further use of the halving principle.
 - 33. When may "N" be substituted for "M"?
- 34. Write from memory all the syllables mentioned in Lesson 5.
 - 35. How indicate an abbreviation?
- 36. Explain and illustrate the "F" or "V" and "P" or "B" hooks.
- 37. What is said about the direction of "P" and "B"?
- 38. What words may be expressed by "F" or "V" and "P" or "B" hooks?
- 39. Explain and illustrate the "G" or "I" hooks.
- to. How may "S" be indicated after "G" hook?
- 41. What is the usual order of reading a half length followed by a hook?
- 42. What words may be expressed by the "G" or "J" hook?
- 43. How write "Party," "Department," Society," "Express," "ology"?
 - 44. Explain use of small loop at end of word.
 - 45. How may words that are repeated be written?
 - 46. Explain and illustrate all vowel hooks on both curved and straight characters.,
 47. How indicate "A" or "E" before. "Q"?
 - 48. How indicate the vowel before "S" at the beginning of a character?

- 49. How express an intermediate or final "A" or "E"?
- 50. For what may the character "U" be used, if preceded by any other stroke?

The above questions embrace almost everything that could possibly be asked in giving an examination in Spencerian Shorthand. They are so thoroughly and systematically arranged, we use them even at the expense of giving Mr. D. L. Hodson, of Chicago, credit for their authorship.





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